

IN THE CLAIMS

1-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing software between ~~handheld~~ portable computer systems, the method comprising:

demarking files on a first ~~handheld~~ portable computer system by a first user, the demarking indicating that the demarked files are available for downloading by a second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system by a second user; and

automatically transferring, from the first ~~handheld~~ portable computer system to the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the first ~~handheld~~ portable computer system and the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system are within a communication range according to a communication protocol, said summary information ~~comprising promotional~~ consisting of descriptive information associated with said demarked files, the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files ~~files provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.~~

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein communications between the first ~~handheld~~ portable computer system and the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system are direct.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 46, further comprising:  
displaying at least a portion of the transferred summary information at the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system;

selecting, via a user interface, at least a subset of the demarked files from the displayed portion of the transferred summary information at the second handheld computer system.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50, wherein the selecting via the user interface further comprises touching an area of a display screen of the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50, further comprising:  
receiving, at the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system, a download of the selected ones of the demarked files from the first ~~handheld~~ portable computer system in response to the selecting via the user interface at the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

55. (Currently Amended) A ~~handheld~~ portable computer system comprising:  
a bus;  
a processor coupled to the bus;  
a wireless transceiver coupled to the bus for transferring information to other computer systems; and  
a memory coupled to the bus, wherein~~[[:]]~~ the handheld computer system is configured to:

store demarked files, the demarked files being demarked by a first user and being available for downloading to a second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system by a second user, and

automatically transfer, to the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the ~~handheld~~ portable computer system according to a communication protocol, said summary information ~~comprising promotional~~ consisting of descriptive information associated with said demarked files, ~~the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files files provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.~~

56. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld~~ portable computer system of claim 55, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

57. (Currently Amended) The handheld portable computer system of claim 56, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

58. (Currently Amended) The handheld portable computer system of claim 56, wherein the handheld portable computer system is configured to communicate directly with the second handheld portable computer system.

59. (Currently Amended) The handheld portable computer system of claim 55, wherein the handheld computer system is configured to download selected ones of the demarked files to the second handheld portable computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second handheld portable computer system.

60. (Currently Amended) The handheld portable computer system of claim 59, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second handheld computer system.

61. (Currently Amended) The handheld portable computer system of claim 60, wherein the executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

62-69. (Canceled)

70. (Currently Amended) A handheld portable computer system comprising:  
means for storing demarked files, the demarked files being demarked by a first user and being available for downloading to a handheld portable handheld computer system by a second user, and

means for automatically transferring, to the second handheld portable computer system, summary information with respect to the demarked files when the second handheld portable computer system is within a communication range of the handheld portable computer system according to a communication protocol, said summary information ~~comprising promotional~~ consisting of descriptive information associated with said demarked files, ~~the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files files provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.~~

71. (Currently Amended) The handheld portable computer system of claim 70, wherein the communication protocol is a wireless communication protocol.

72. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld~~ portable computer system of claim 71, wherein the wireless communication protocol includes infrared light signaling.

73. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld~~ portable computer system of claim 71, further comprising:

means for communicating directly with the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system.

74. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld~~ portable computer system of claim 70, further comprising:

means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files to the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system in response to receiving a download request from the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system.

75. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld~~ portable computer system of claim 74, wherein at least some of the selected ones of the demarked files to be downloaded by the means for downloading selected ones of the demarked files are executable files to be executed at the second ~~handheld~~ portable computer system.

76. (Currently Amended) The ~~handheld~~ portable computer system of claim 75, wherein executable files include one or more application files that have limited functionality or limited time of use.

77. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing software between computer systems, the method comprising:

demarking files on a first computer system by a first user, the demarking indicating that the demarked files are available for downloading from the first computer system; and automatically transferring, from the first computer system to ~~the a~~ second ~~handheld~~ computer system, ~~metadata~~ descriptive information ~~with respect to associated with~~ the demarked files, ~~the descriptive information being devoid of the demarked files, without the content of the demarked files~~ when the first computer system enters into communication with ~~[[a]]~~ the second computer system.

78. (Currently Amended) ~~the~~ The method of claim 77, wherein the first and second computer systems enter into communication automatically when they are positioned within a communication range.